

Biography/Introduction

Paul M. Herbert

Judge Paul Herbert is a lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio and has been practicing law for 27 years. He and his wife Barb have raised two daughters who currently attend college. Judge Herbert is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School while working and attending school at night. After a brief time in private general practice Judge Herbert joined the staff of the Franklin County Prosecutor=s Office and served as a trial attorney. In 1991 he became the Chief of Staff for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk=s Office. In 1996 he assumed the role of Clerk of Court where he spent the next 7 years before being elected Judge in 2003. Judge Herbert was re-elected to that position in 2009. While serving as a Judge, he proposed a specialized program focusing on Human Trafficking victims who have been charged with the misdemeanor offense of solicitation. CATCH (changing actions to change habits) was started in September 2009. The results have been nothing short of miraculous. Women now have a safe path to exit this vicious lifestyle, they are being reunited with their families, not committing new offenses, furthering their educations and giving back to the community in significant ways. In 2015, Judge Herbert was recognized by the United States Justice Department and received an award from Attorney General Eric Holder for his contributions in the fight against Human Trafficking.